

REMARKS

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-6 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Griffith et al, United States Patent number 6,401,170, filed August 18, 1999. Attachment A is a 37 CFR 1.132 declaration which shows that any invention disclosed but not claimed in Griffith et al. was derived from the inventor of this application and is not the invention “by another.”

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections to the claims.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103.

The Examiner rejected claims 7-11 and 15-25 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Griffith in view of Espy et al., United States Patent number 5,890,214, published March 30, 1999. Attachment B is a showing that the subject matter of Griffith et al. and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person. The matter of Griffith et al. and the matter of the present application were under an obligation of assignment to Digi-Data Corporation at the time the invention was made. The matter of Griffith et al. and that of the present application was subsequently assigned to Digi-Data Corporation by instruments recorded at the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel/Frame 010187/0732 and 012227/0434, respectively.

The Examiner rejected claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Griffith in view of Ridge, P. M., “The book of SCSI: A guide for Adventurers.”, published 1995. The above comments on Griffith et al. apply equally to this rejection.

The Examiner rejected claim 26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Griffith in view of Espy et al. in further view of Ridge, P. M., “The book of SCSI: A guide for

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The Examiner rejected claims 13 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Griffith in view of Espy et al. in further view of Coale et al., United States Patent number 6,148,352, published November 14, 2000. The above comments on Griffith et al. apply equally to this rejection.

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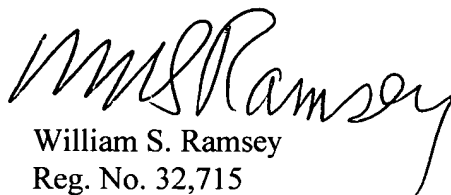
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No fee is required for this amendment.

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Respectfully submitted,

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